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For: FUEL CELL SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY WITH

DIFFUSION LAYER, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, FUEL CELL UNIT,

AND FUEL CELL STACK

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 11, 2006 (Paper No. 20060407).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I encompassing claims 1-7 which is drawn to a separator comprising specific diffusion layers (classified in Class 204, Subclass 295);

Group II encompassing claims 8-10 drawn to methods for fabricating a separator assembly including laser-weld (classified in Class 156, Subclass 272.8); and

Group III encompassing claims 11-15 which is drawn to fuel cell unit/stack (classified in Class 429, Subclass 34).

Additionally, the Examiner has required a further restriction to one of the following species:

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Species 1: the first embodiment of Figure 1;

Species 2: the first embodiment of Figure 2;

Species 3: the second embodiment of Figure 3;

Species 4: the third embodiment of Figure 4;

Species 5: the fourth embodiment of Figure 5;

Species 6: the fourth embodiment of Figure 6;

Species 7: the fifth embodiment of Figure 7;

Species 8: the sixth embodiment of Figure 8;

Species 9: the seventh embodiment of Figure 9;

Species 10: the eighth embodiment of Figure 10: and

Species 11: the ninth embodiment of Figure 11.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7, and Species 11: the ninth embodiment of Figure 11 for further prosecution. Applicants also respectfully submit that at least claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants deem this Response to be fully responsive to the Office Action. If further issues regarding the restriction persist, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

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